

Claim Listing:

1. (Currently amended) A cable ~~and the like~~ protection and guide device in which a plurality of link bodies are articulably connected to each other in the longitudinal direction in a state where said cable ~~and the like~~ was inserted into said device, each link body comprising a pair of side plates disposed on both sides of the cable ~~and the like~~ and connecting rods spanned across a bending outer circumferential side and a bending inner circumferential side of said side plate respectively, characterized in that

a cable protecting sheet is disposed on at least one of a said bending outer circumferential side and a said bending inner circumferential side in said link bodies along the longitudinal direction of the cable ~~and the like~~,

and, said cable protecting sheet is supported by end fitting members through a sheet length adjusting mechanism, which follows the bending operation of the link bodies.

2. (Currently amended) A ~~The cable and the like~~ protection and guide device according to claim 1, in which a plurality of link bodies are articulably connected to each other in the longitudinal direction in a state where said cable was inserted into said device, each link body comprising a pair of side plates disposed on both sides of the cable and connecting rods spanned across a bending outer circumferential side and a bending inner circumferential side of said side plate respectively,

characterized in that a cable separating sheet, which separates the internal

space of the link body into plural parts, is further disposed between one remaining side of said bending outer circumferential side and a bending inner circumferential side in said link bodies, and, said cable separating sheet is supported by end fitting members through a sheet length adjusting mechanism, which follows the bending operation of the link bodies.

3. (Currently amended) A ~~The cable and the like~~ protection and guide device ~~according to claim 1,~~ in which a plurality of link bodies are articulably connected to each other in the longitudinal direction in a state where said cable was inserted into said device, each link body comprising a pair of side plates disposed on both sides of the cable and connecting rods spanned across a bending outer circumferential side and a bending inner circumferential side of said side plate respectively, characterized in that

cable protecting sheets are disposed on said bending outer circumferential side and said bending inner circumferential side in said link bodies along the longitudinal direction of the cable,

a cable separating sheet, which separates the internal space of the link body into plural parts, is further disposed between said bending outer circumferential side and said bending inner circumferential side in said link bodies,

~~characterized in that and, at least one of said cable protecting sheet sheets and said cable separating sheet is~~ are supported by both ends end fitting members through a sheet length adjusting mechanism, which follows the bending operation of the link bodies.

4. (Canceled)